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SUBJ: FY 1976 AND 1977 SECURITY ASSISTANCE MALAYSIA

REF: A. STATE 250585; B. KUALA LUMPUR 6625

1. EMBASSY TODAY (DECEMBER 24) RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MINDEF REFERRING TO EMBASSY AIDE MEMOIRE OF OCTOBER 24 WHICH LISTED PURCHASES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT THAT USG PREPARED TO APPROVE FOR MALAYSIA, AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING INVOLVING THE USE OF BOTH CASH AND FMS GUARANTEED LOANS, SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND OUR WORLDWIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR FMS CREDIT. THE AIDE MEMOIRE WAS EFFECTIVELY DRAWN FROM REFTEL A AND BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CROWE TEAM.

2. MINDEF LETTER (COPIES WITH COPIES OF OUR AIDE MEMOIRE BEING POUCHED TO INGRAHAM EA/IMS AND ADMIRAL CROWE DOD/OSD/ISA) ADVISES GOM HAS SIGNED CONTRACTS TO PURCHASE 41,000 M-16 RIFLES, AND SIX SIKORSKY HELICOPTERS. IT ALSO STATES THAT GOM HAS DECIDED NOT RPT NOT TO PURCHASE UH-IH HELICOPTERS, BUT WOULD LIKE TO BUY FIVE MORE S-61'S AND REQUESTS ADDITIONAL FMS CREDIT IN FY 78

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AND FY79 MAINLY FOR THAT PURPOSE. FINALLY, IT ADVISES

GOM WOULD LIKE TO BUY \$2 MILLION WORTH OF 500 AND
1,000 LB. BOMBS.

3. GENERALLY, GOM REQUESTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH
OUR DISCUSSIONS FROM KL POINT OF VIEW. IF WE STILL HAVE
FMS CREDIT PROGRAM AFTER FY 77 WE SHOULD CERTAINLY
GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO GOM DESIRE GUARANTEED
LOANS IN FY 78 AND 79. WE WOULD ALSO UNDERLINE THAT
GOM IS STILL HOPING FOR \$17 MILLION IN GUARANTEED
LOANS FOR FY 76. THIS IS THE AMOUNT THEY WERE TOLD,
WITH APPROPRIATE CAVEATS BOTH HERE AND IN WASHINGTON
(HABIB-MUSA HITAM CONVERSATION) THEY COULD USE FOR
PLANNING PURPOSES.
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